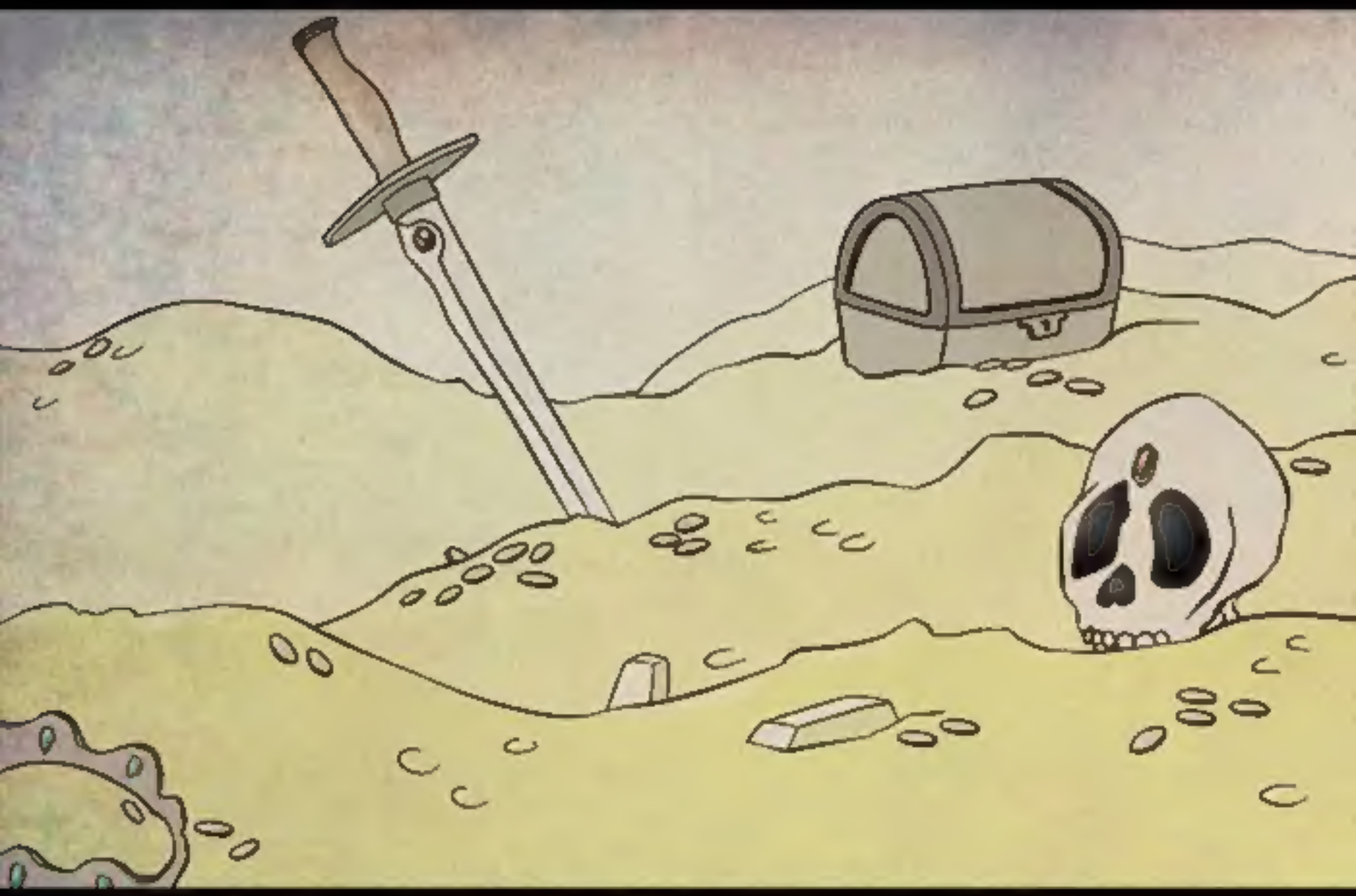


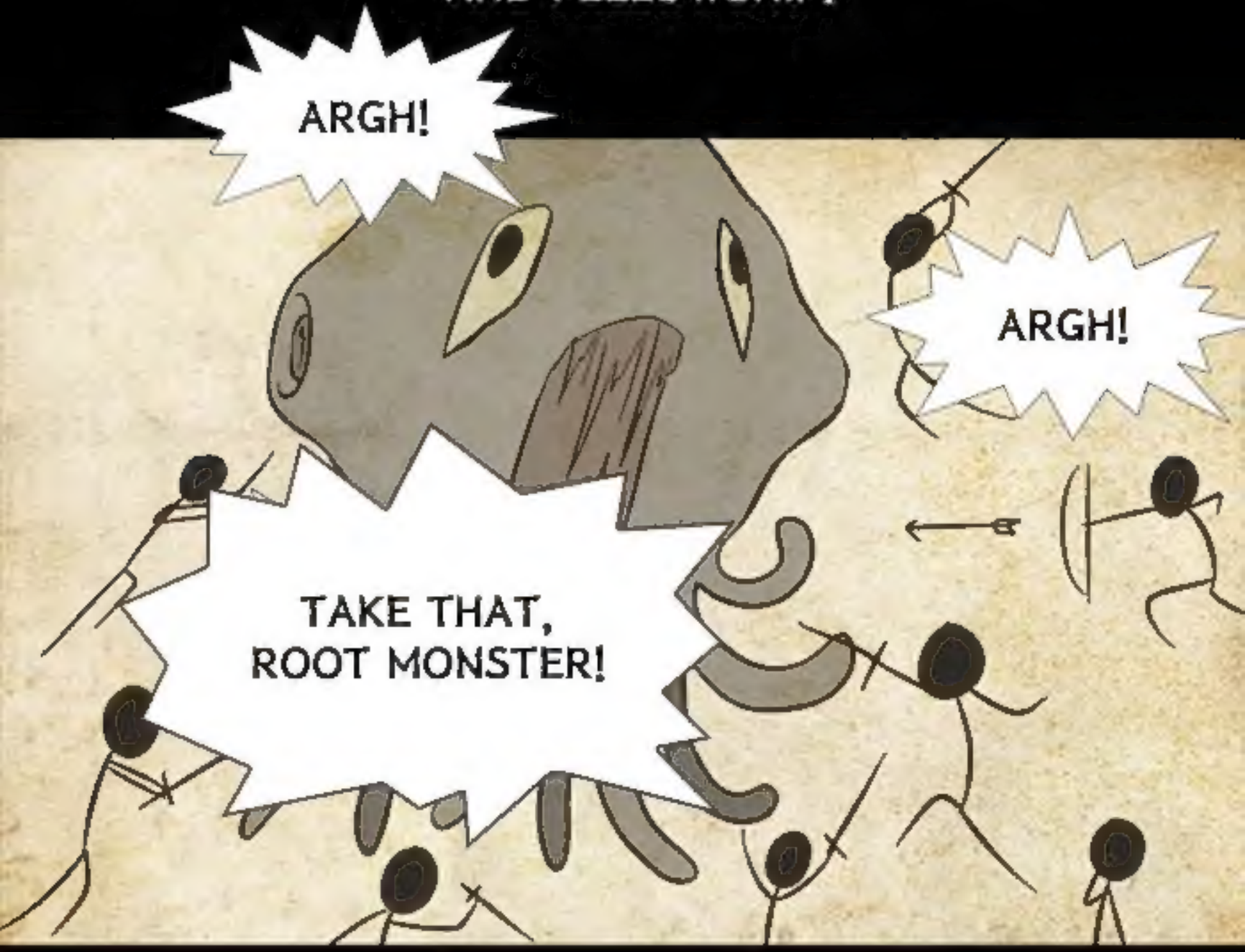
AS SOON AS THE WORD SPREAD
ABOUT ME GENEROUSLY SHARING LOOT AND GOLD,

PEOPLE STARTED LINING UP TO JOIN MY GUILD.

HAVING BEEN ONE OF THE FIRST MEMBERS,
I NATURALLY CLIMBED TO THE POSITION
OF AN ADMINISTRATOR,

AND THE ENLARGED GROUP OF MY
NEW COMPANIONS GAVE ME
AN EVEN GREATER SENSE OF BELONGING

AND FELLOWSHIP.



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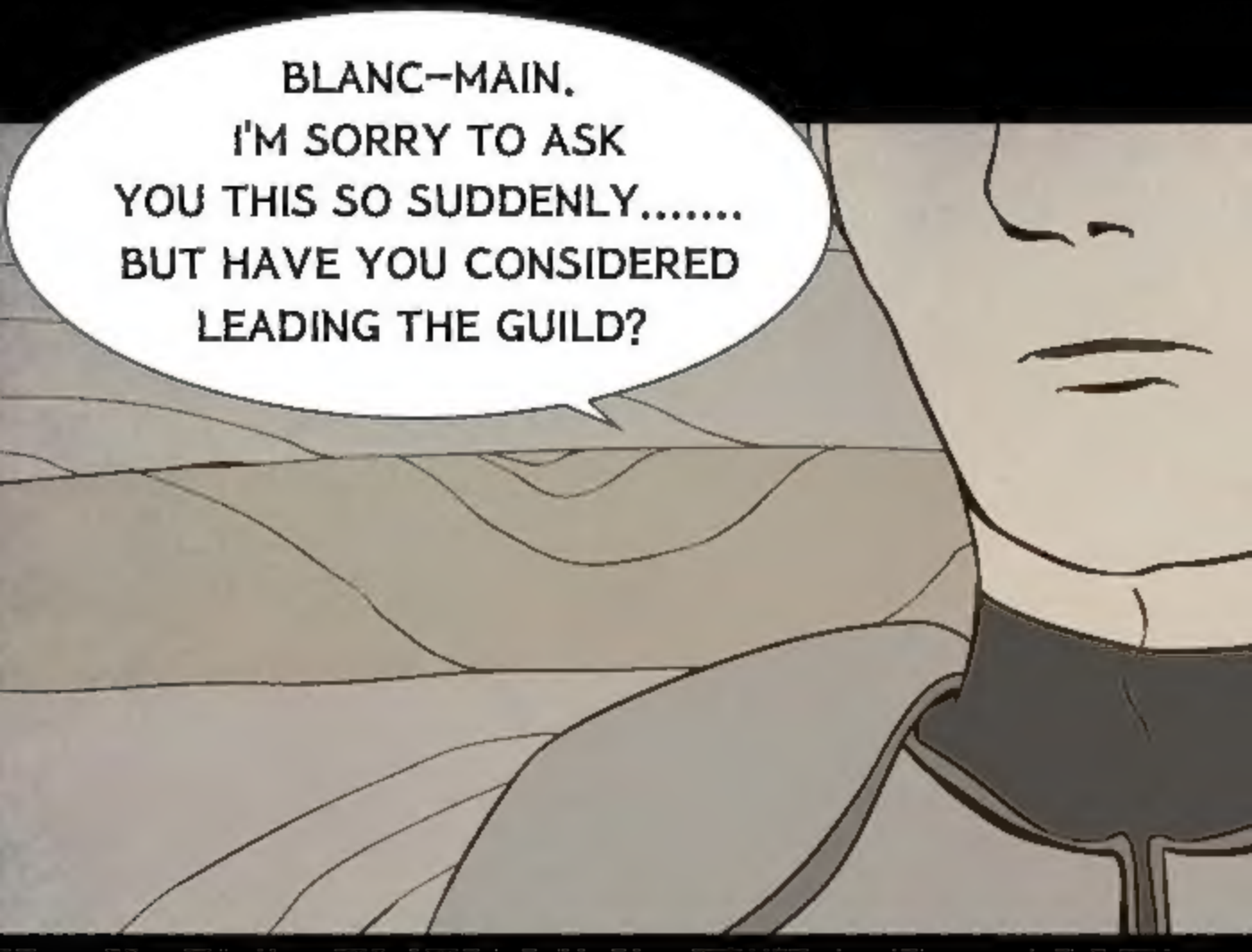
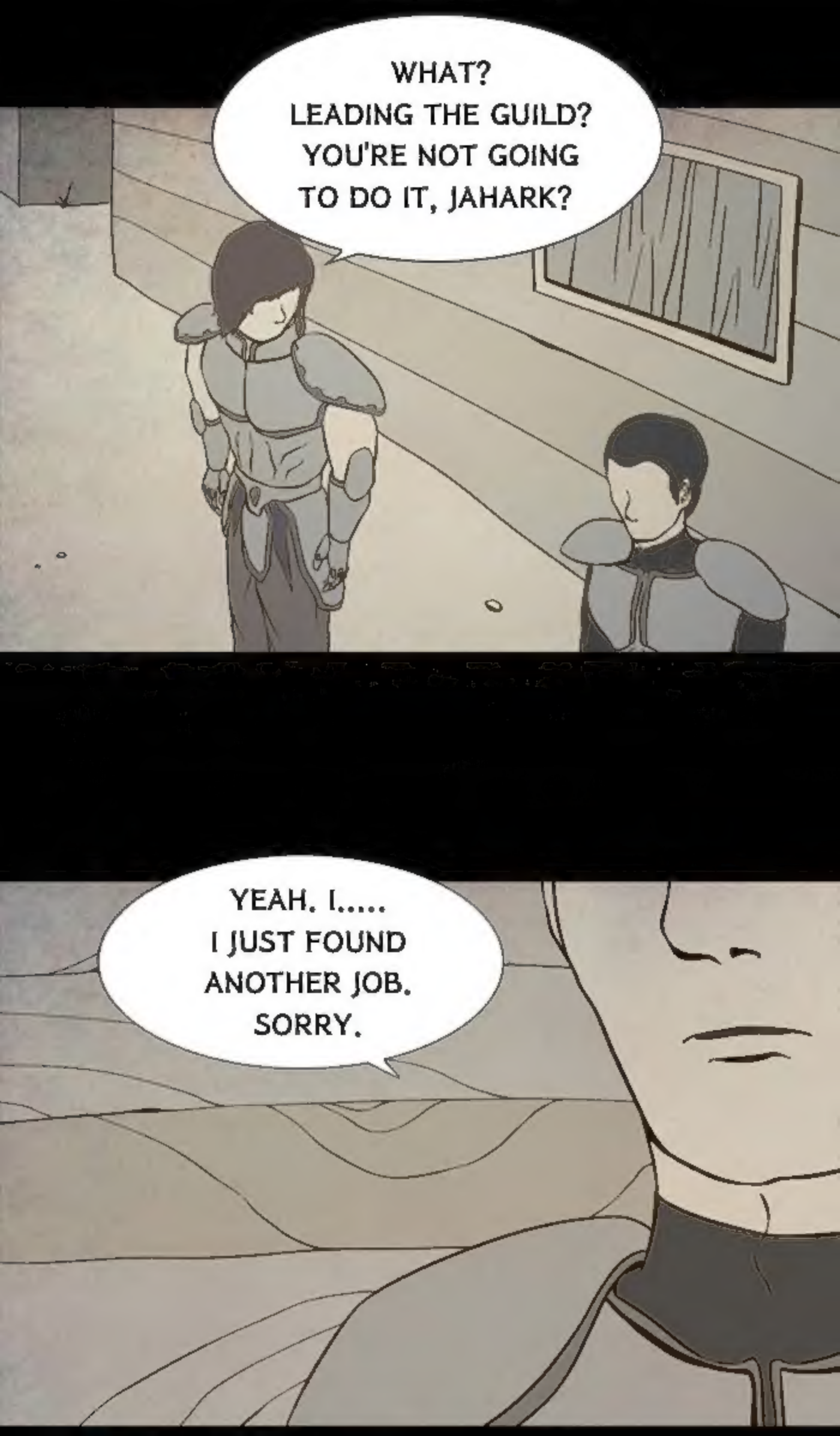


SUDDENLY

I WAS FACED WITH A QUESTION WHICH FORCED ME
TO CHOOSE A DIFFERENT PATH IN MY LIFE.


WHAT?
LEADING THE GUILD?
YOU'RE NOT GOING
TO DO IT, JAHARK?
YEAH. I.....
I JUST FOUND
ANOTHER JOB.
SORRY.

AH...
I SEE...

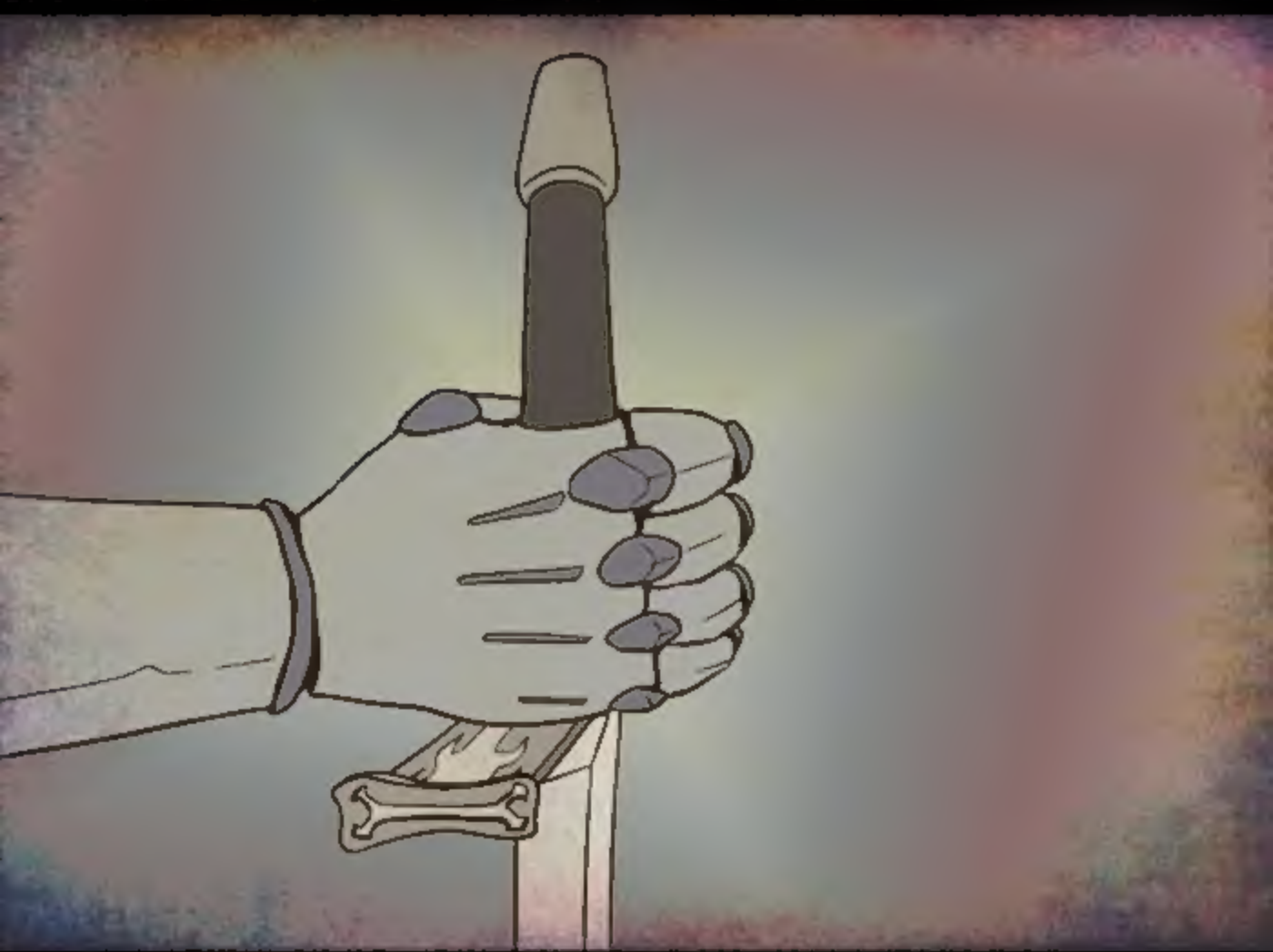
'I ENVY YOU. HONESTLY,
I WANT TO DO THAT TOO.'

I REALLY WANTED TO SAY THIS TO HIM,

BUT I COULDN'T.

I WAS ENJOYING THE THINGS
THAT I HAD AT THE TIME TOO MUCH TO SAY IT.

AT THAT TIME,



I DIDN'T KNOW THAT MY DECISION

WOULD BECOME THE LAST PHASE,
AND THE LAST REAL CHOICE, OF MY LIFE.

I HAD NO IDEA AT THAT TIME,

THAT I WAS PASSING THROUGH A 'PERIOD' FROM WHICH THERE WAS NO TURNING BACK.

FRIDAY
FORBIDDEN TALES
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061. THE TALE OF BLANC—MAIN (2)

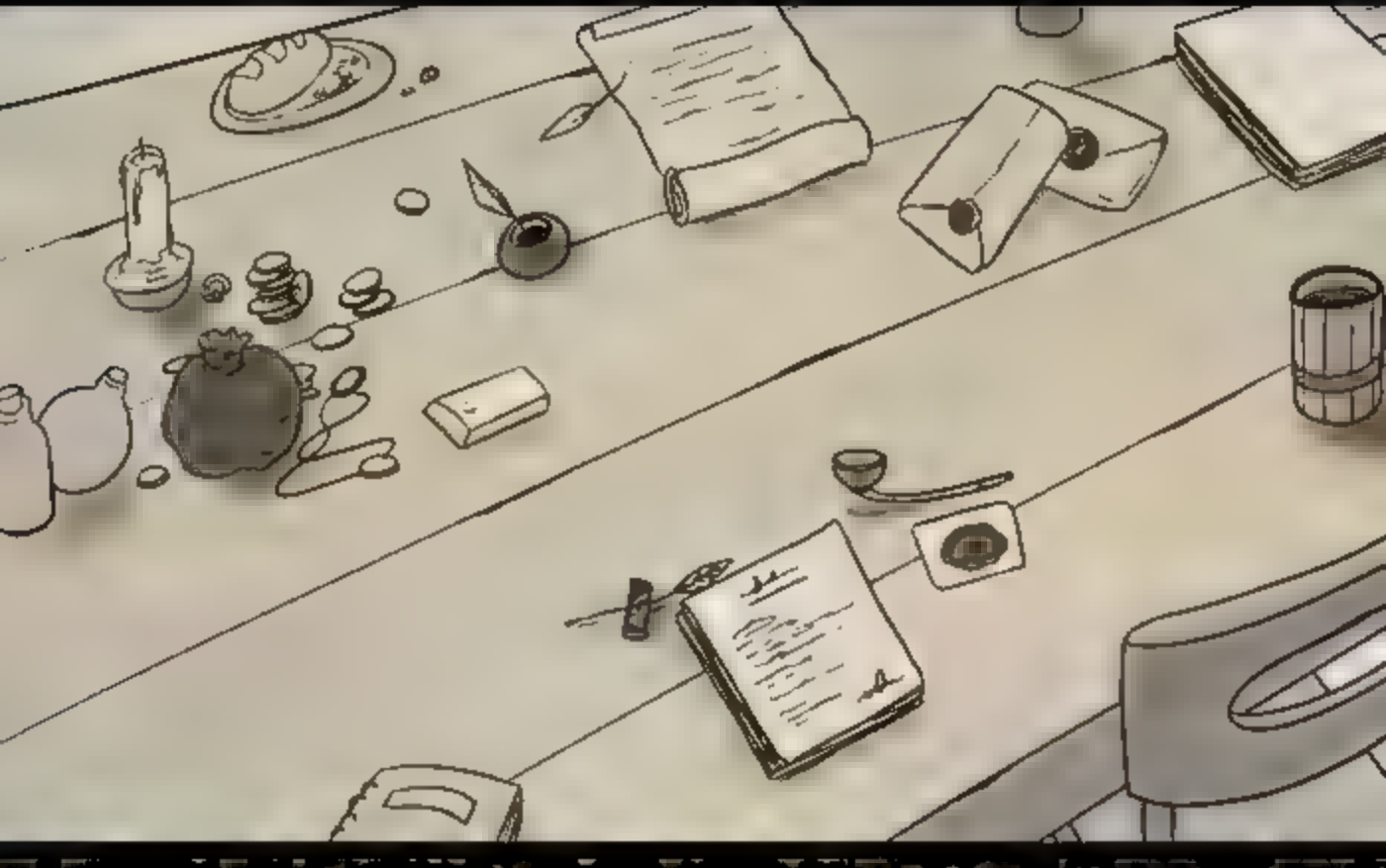
OUR GUILD OF MERCENARIES GREW LARGER WITH EACH PASSING DAY.

AND MY LIFE IN ELDORANIA GOT EVEN BUSIER.

I HAD TO EVENLY DISTRIBUTE PRIZES FROM WAR,

AND SOMETIMES I HAD TO RESOLVE CONFLICTS

AND TO BALANCE COOPERATIONS
AND FIGHTS WITH OTHER FORCES.

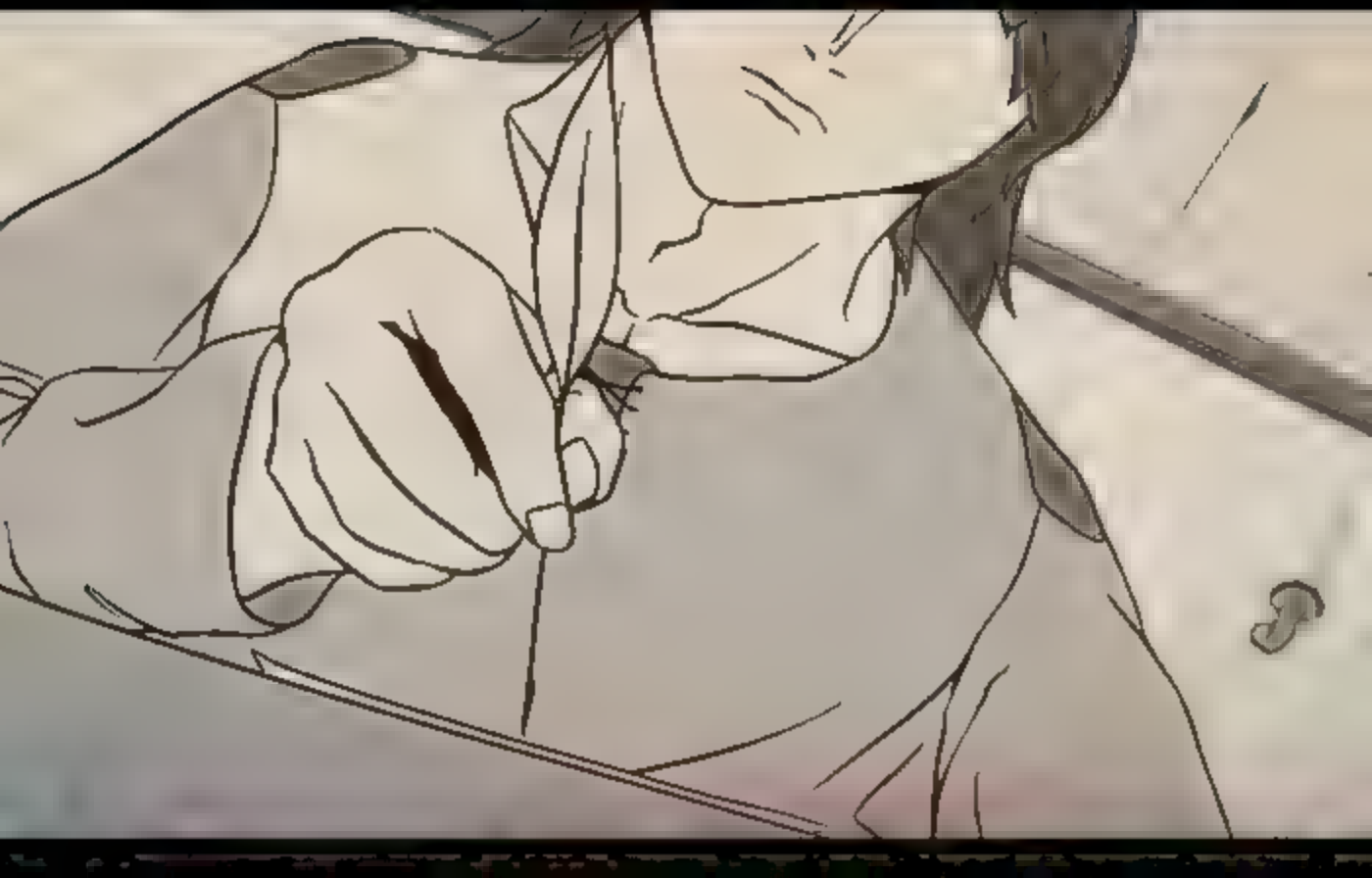


WITH AN INDESCRIBABLE THIRST, NEITHER OF
MY OWN WILL NOR BY THE WILL OF ANOTHER,

I STRUGGLED DAY AFTER DAY HERE IN ELDORANIA.

I HAD NO TIME TO LOOK AFTER MYSELF,

AND NO SPARE MOMENT TO REFLECT
ON MY OWN LIFE.



BEFORE I KNEW IT,

TIME WAS SLIPPING THROUGH
MY FINGERS MUCH LIKE THE WIND,

AND ALTHOUGH I HAD GAINED
THE ADMIRATION AND ADORATION FROM PEOPLE,

ALTHOUGH I HAD EARNED THE HONOR OF RUNNING
THE NUMBER ONE GUILD IN ELDORANIA,

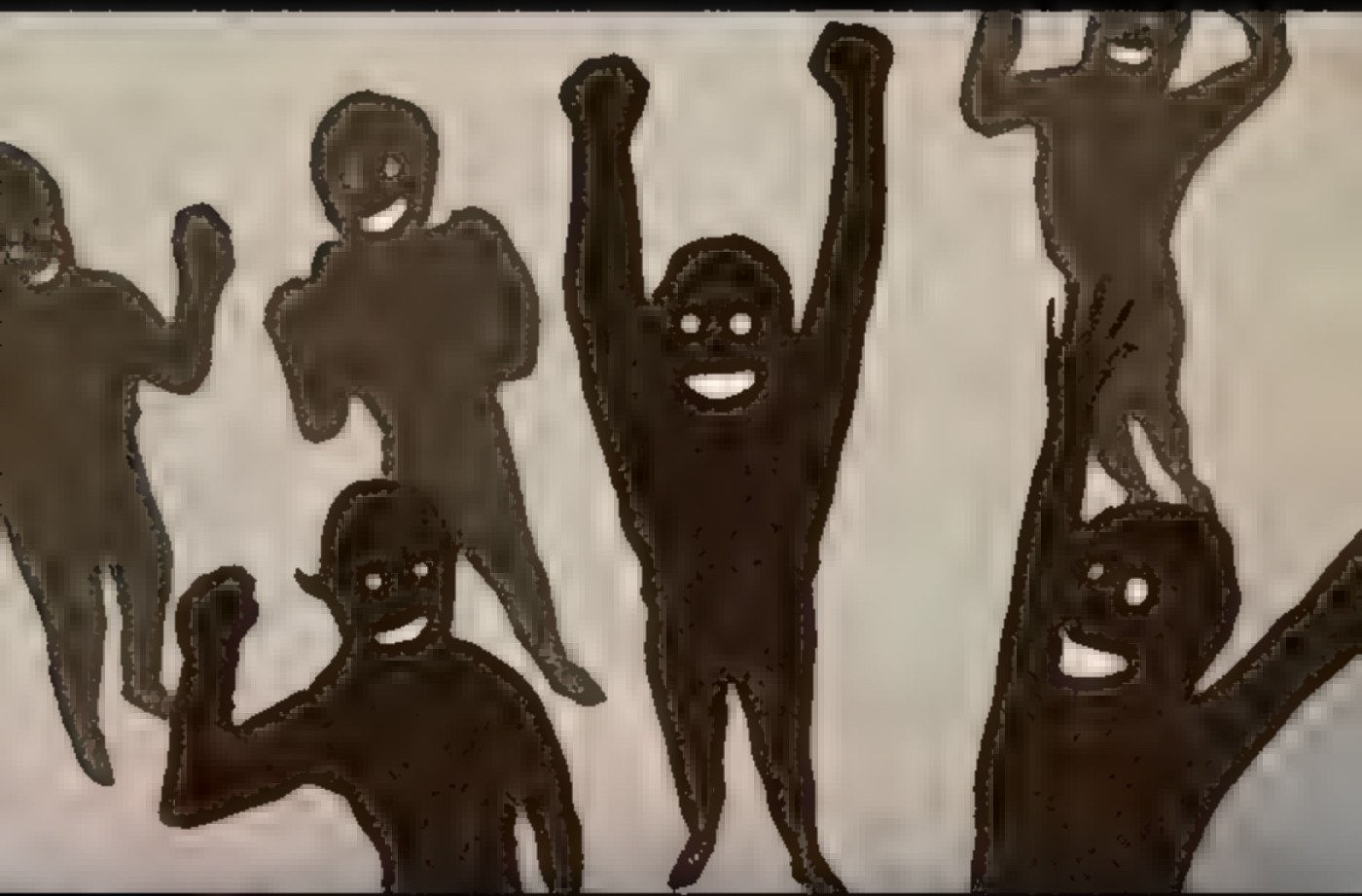
ALL I HAD WAS EMPTINESS

WHEN I OPENED MY HANDS.

I HAD NOTHING ELSE.

AS TIME WENT ON, AS THE GUILD GREW LARGER,

AS MORE AND MORE PEOPLE FOLLOWED ME,
A FEELING OF ANXIETY GREW WITHIN ME.



HOW MUCH LONGER..

DO I HAVE TO STAY HERE?

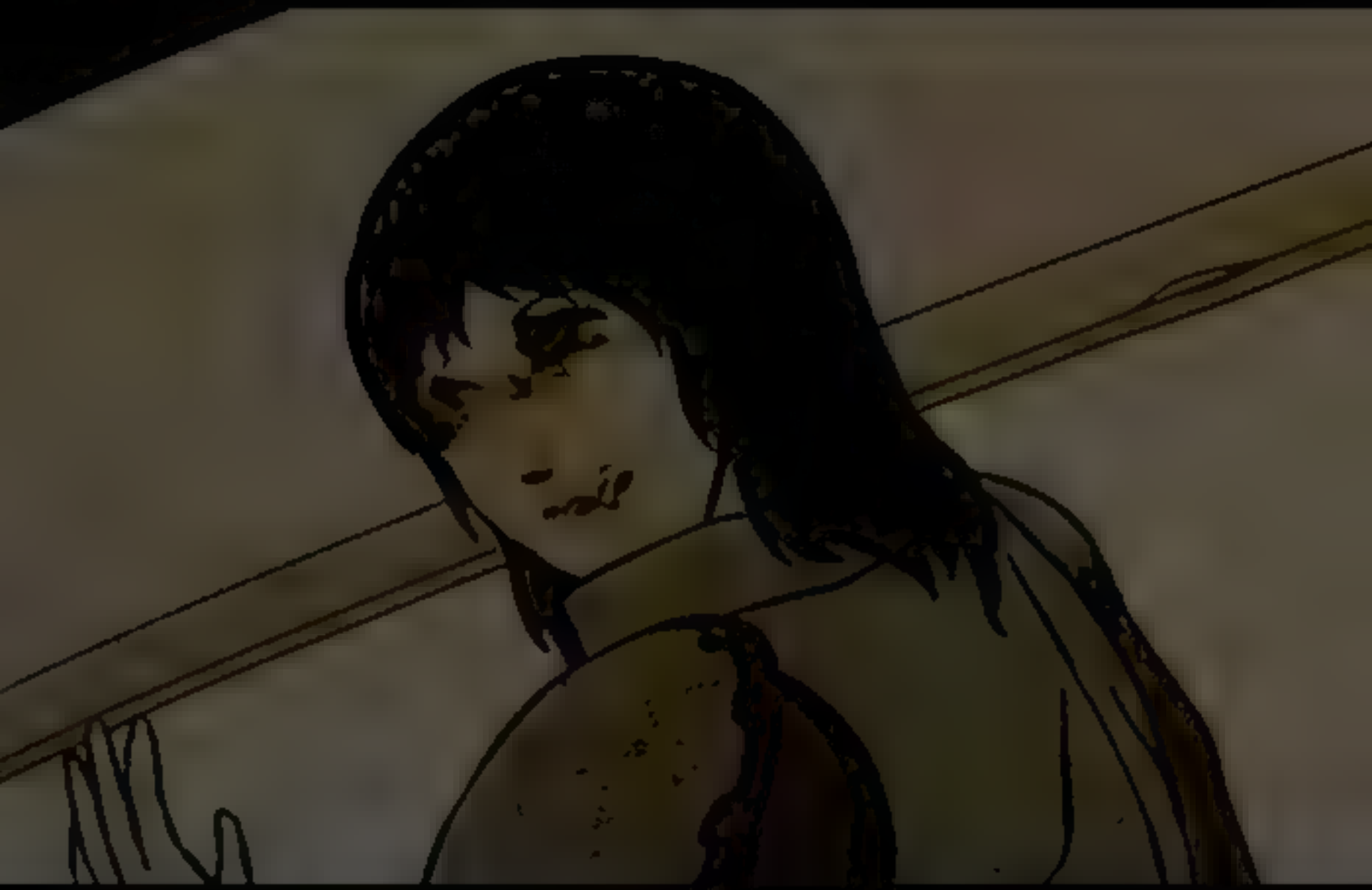
HOW MUCH LONGER

DO I HAVE TO PRETEND I'M SATISFIED WITH THIS FALSE SENSE OF FELLOWSHIP?

HAVE I CROSSED

A RIVER ACROSS WHICH THERE IS NO RETURN?

OR MAYBE, HAVE I EVEN LOST THE WILL TO GO BACK?



THIS BEAST CALLED ANXIETY GREW WITHIN ME.

AND SINCE MY ANXIETY ONLY SERVED TO FEED IT,

HAVING STUFFED ITSELF ON MY ANXIETY,
THIS BEAST GREW TO BE SO MASSIVE

THAT IT WAS DROOLING IN THE HOPES
OF TAKING OVER MY MIND AND BODY.

BUT IN THE END,
I WAS UNABLE TO FACE THE BEAST.

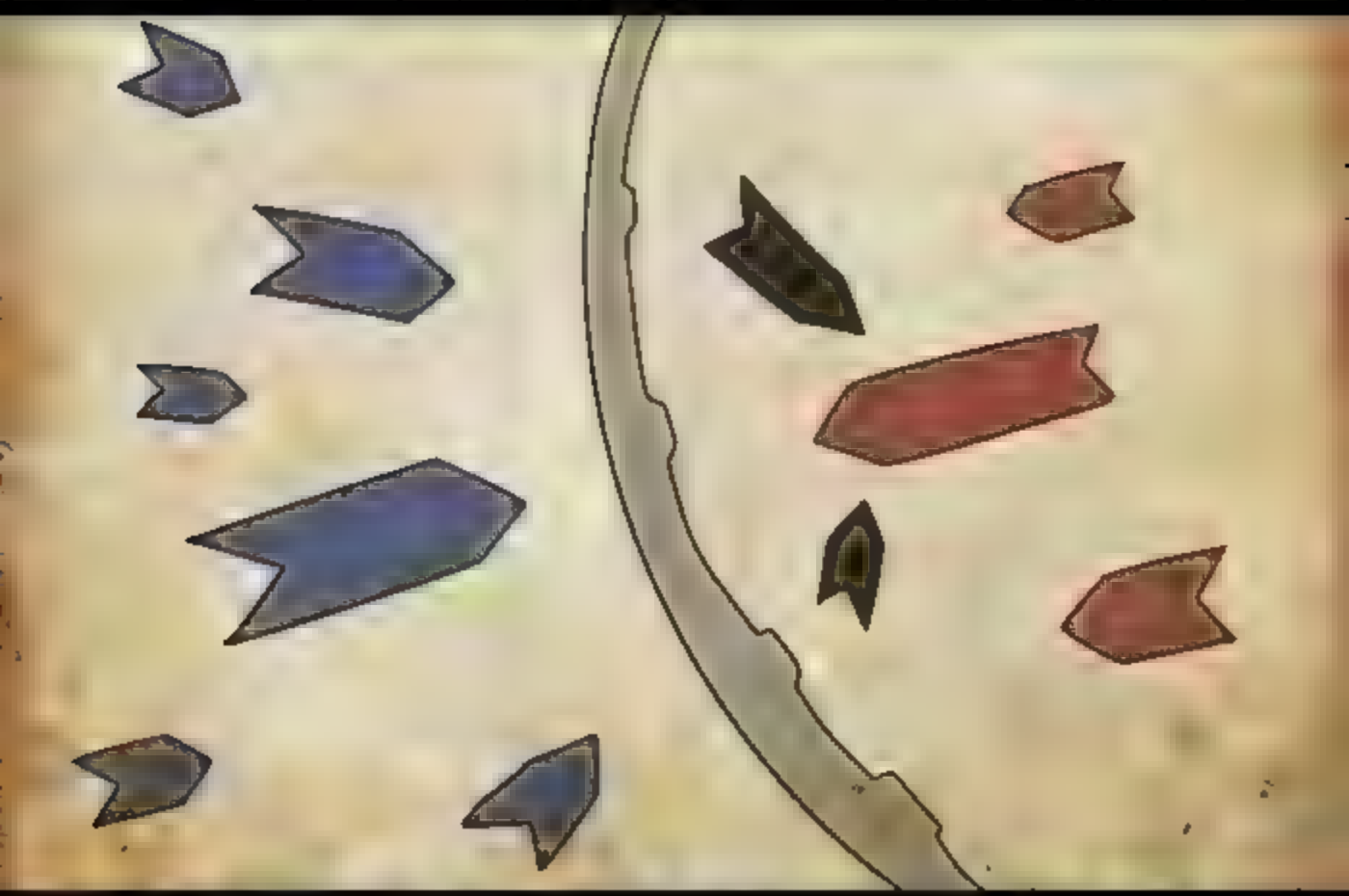
I DECLARE WAR ON THE KING OF NAVIA.
SEND THE WORD TO THE GUILD MEMBERS, CIVILIAN MILITIAS AND ALLIES.

IT DROVE ME DEEPER

INTO A PIT.

HAVING BEEN UPSET
WITH THE VIOLENT RULE OF THE KING,

OUR ALLIES TOOK UP THEIR SPEARS
AND SHIELDS FOR ME



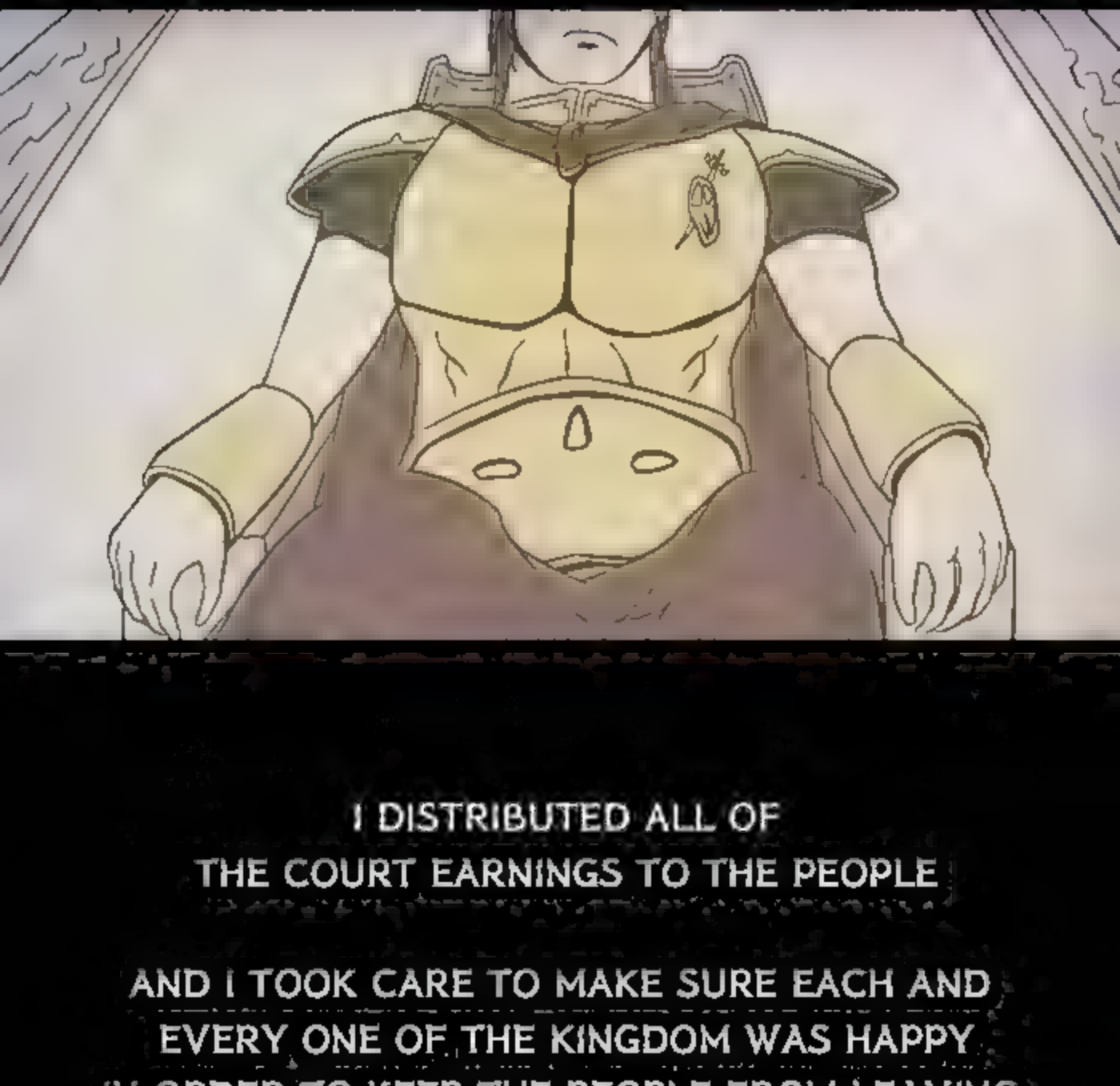
AND THE WAR ENDED BEFORE I KNEW IT.

THUS

I, BLANC-MAIN, FINALLY ASCENDED TO THE THRONE,

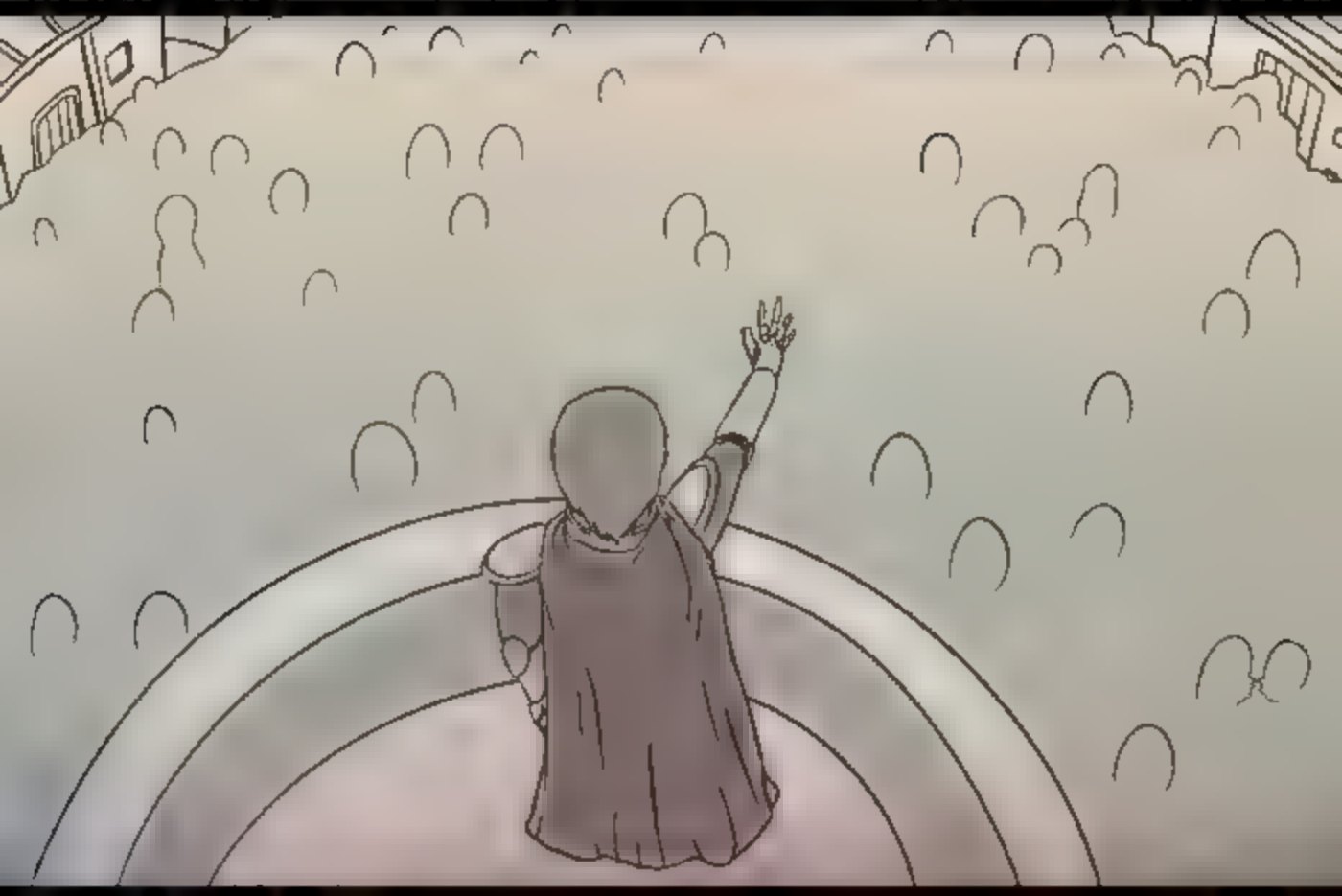
THUS

AN AGE OF PEACE WAS FINALLY ESTABLISHED.

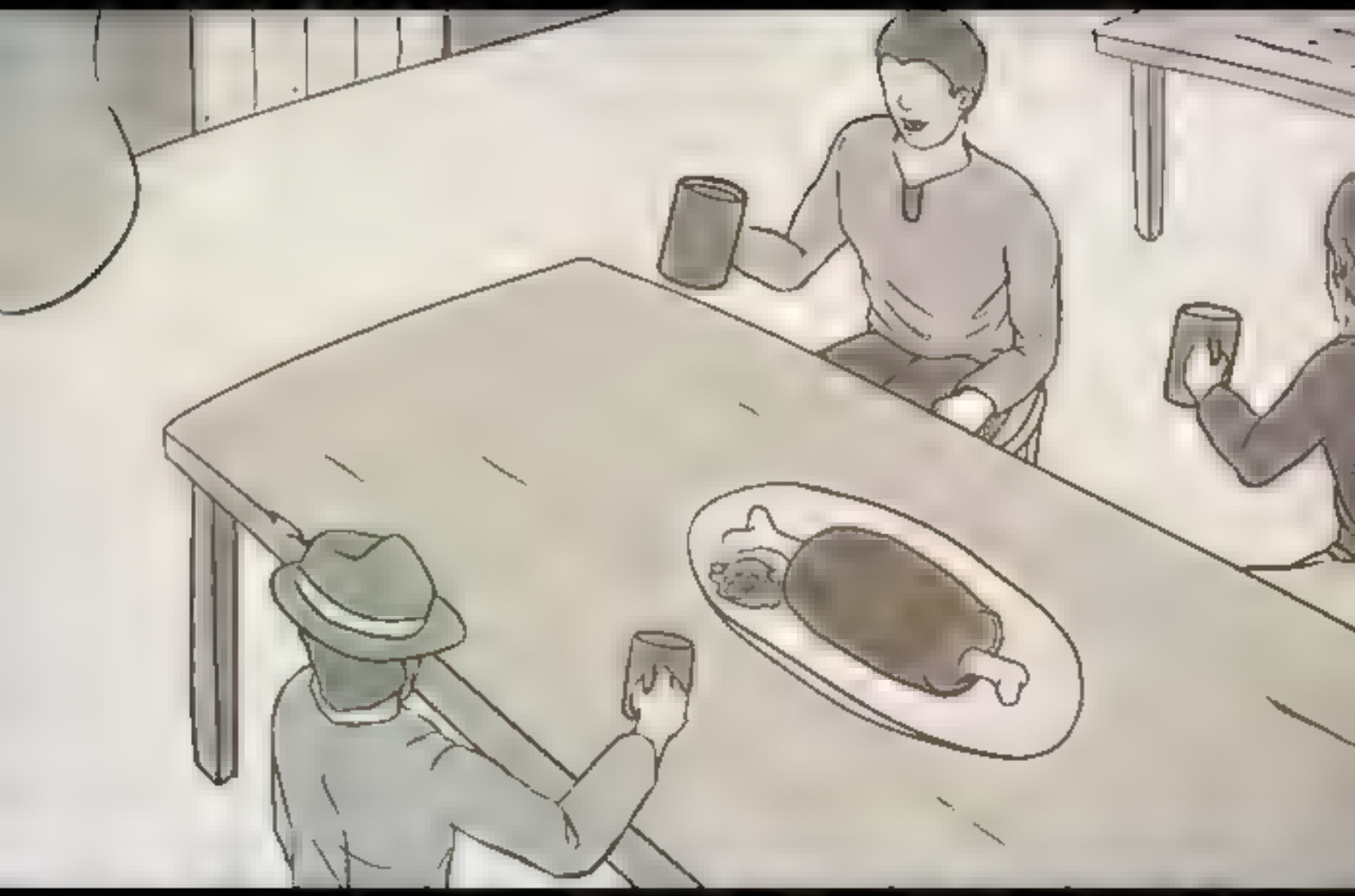


I DISTRIBUTED ALL OF
THE COURT EARNINGS TO THE PEOPLE

AND I TOOK CARE TO MAKE SURE EACH AND
EVERY ONE OF THE KINGDOM WAS HAPPY
IN ORDER TO KEEP THE PEOPLE FROM LEAVING.



THEIR PRAISE HID MY FEELINGS OF ANXIETY



AND THEIR SONGS HELPED ME FORGET MY REALITY.

THEY WERE THE SUPPORT IN MY LIFE,

THE PURPOSE OF MY EXISTENCE.

THEREFORE

THEY WERE THE SHADOWS OF MY FALSE GLORY.

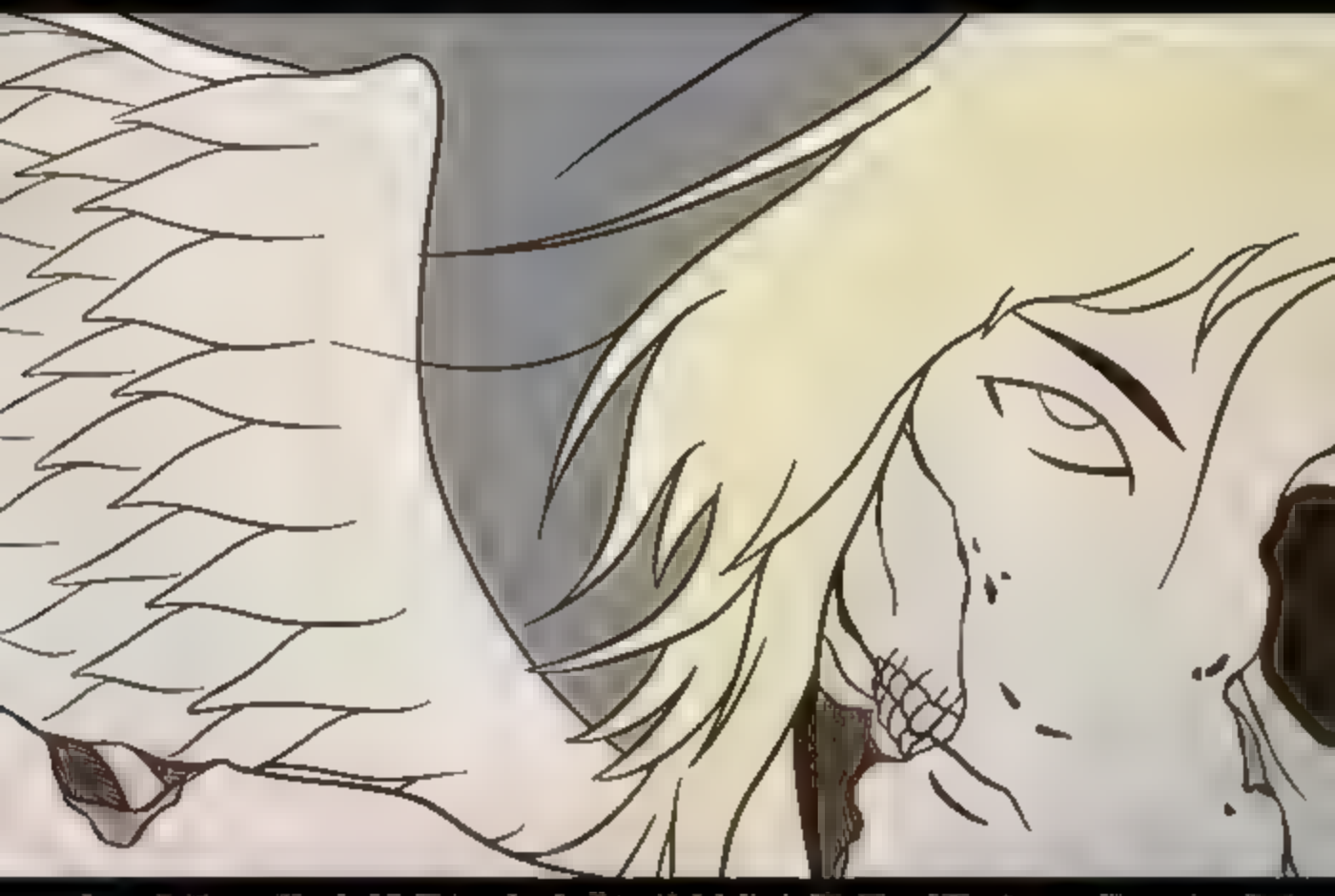
"MAY ELDORANIA BE WITH ME FOR ALL ETERNITY."

I EARNESTLY PRAYED

AND PRAYED.

HOWEVER.

WELL, AS I'VE ALREADY MENTIONED,



NOTHING IN THIS WORLD LASTS FOREVER.

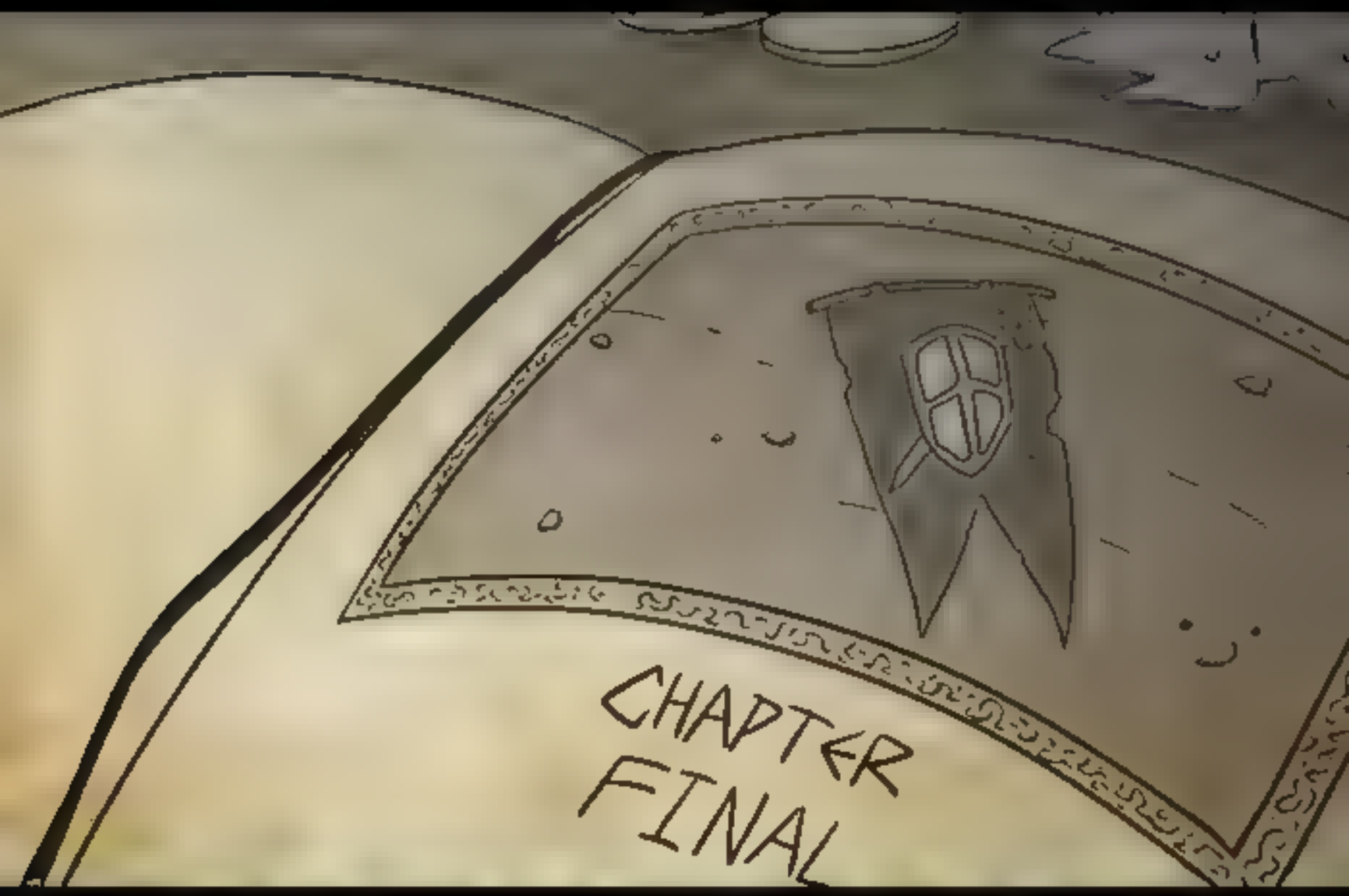
SO AFTER THIS WORLD OF MINE PASSED THROUGH ITS OWN NATURAL PROCESS OF RISE AND FALL,

MY FINAL HOUR HAS COME.

THE END OF ELDORANIA

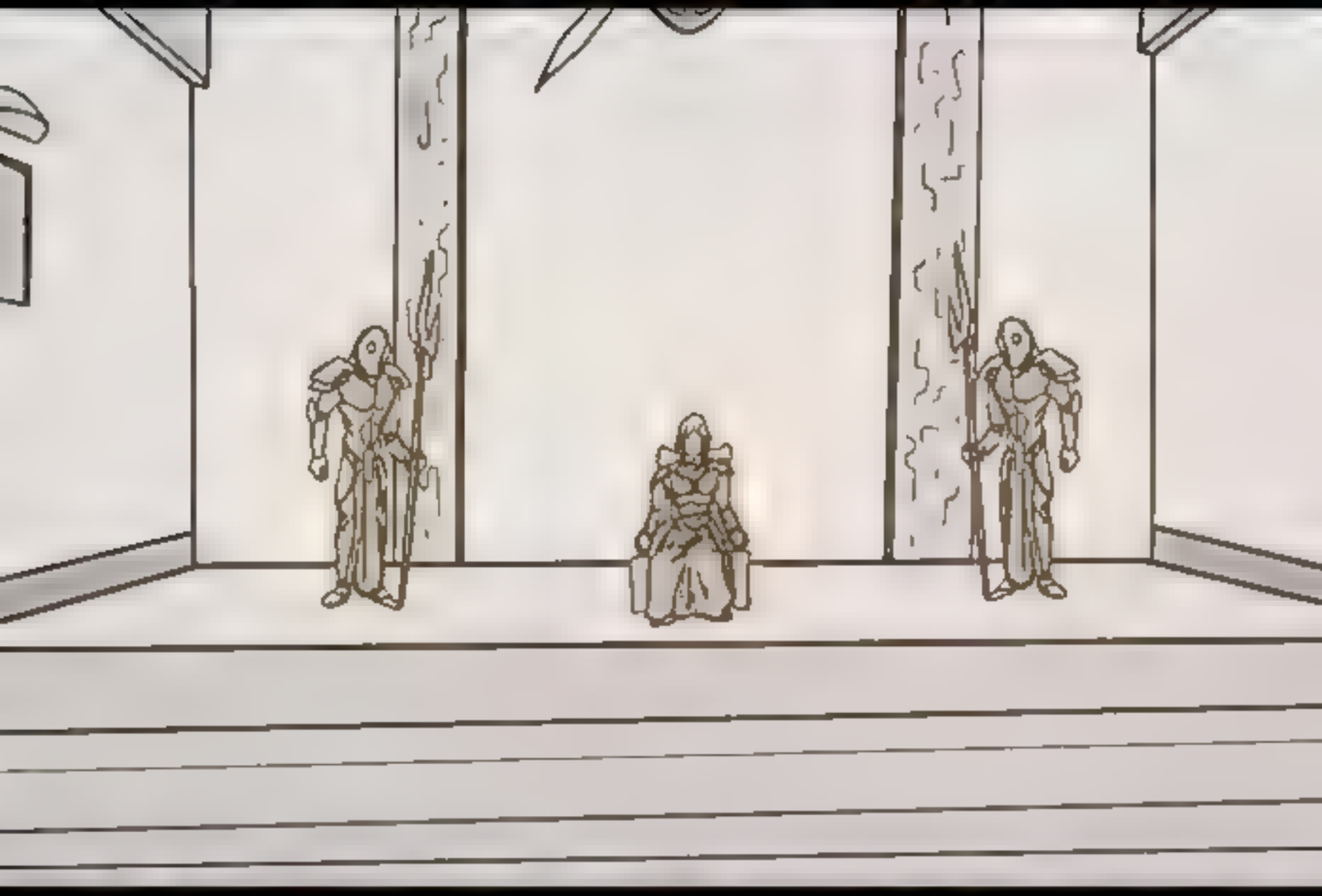
THAT'S RIGHT.

THIS IS THE FINAL CHAPTER OF
THE BIOGRAPHY OF THE NOBLE KING BLANC-MAIN.



IT IS ALSO

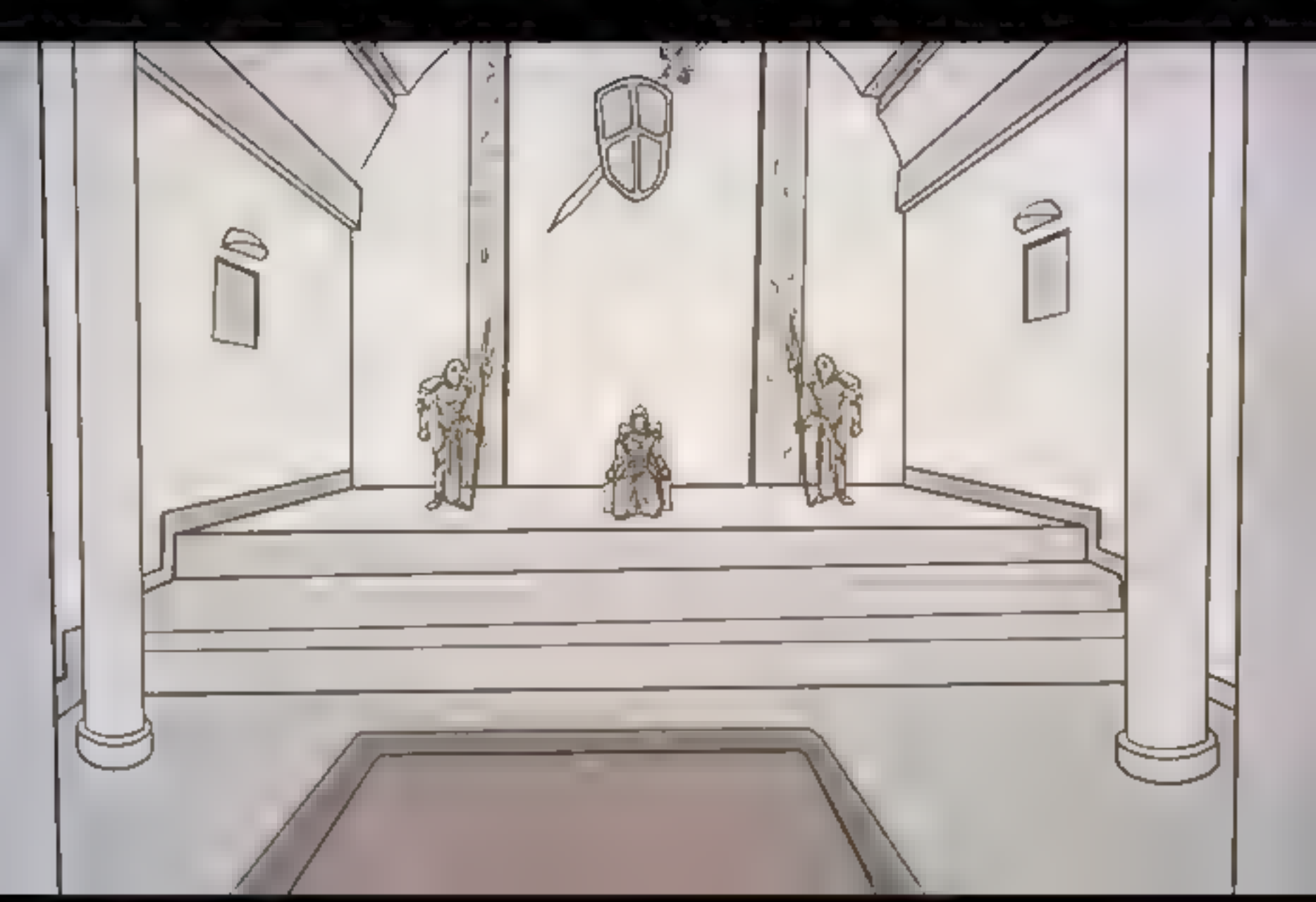
THE FINAL CHAPTER OF MY LIFE
STAINED WITH DELUSION AND SELF-DECEPTION.



WHILE ALSO BEING THE BIOGRAPHY
OF BLANC-MAIN ("*WHITE HAND")

A FAKE KING WHO NEITHER DID NOR COULD EXIST,

T/N: IN KOREAN, THE LITERAL TRANSLATION OF
'WHITE HAND' IS A TERM FOR UNEMPLOYED PEOPLE.
(A HAND THAT DOES NOT WORK.)

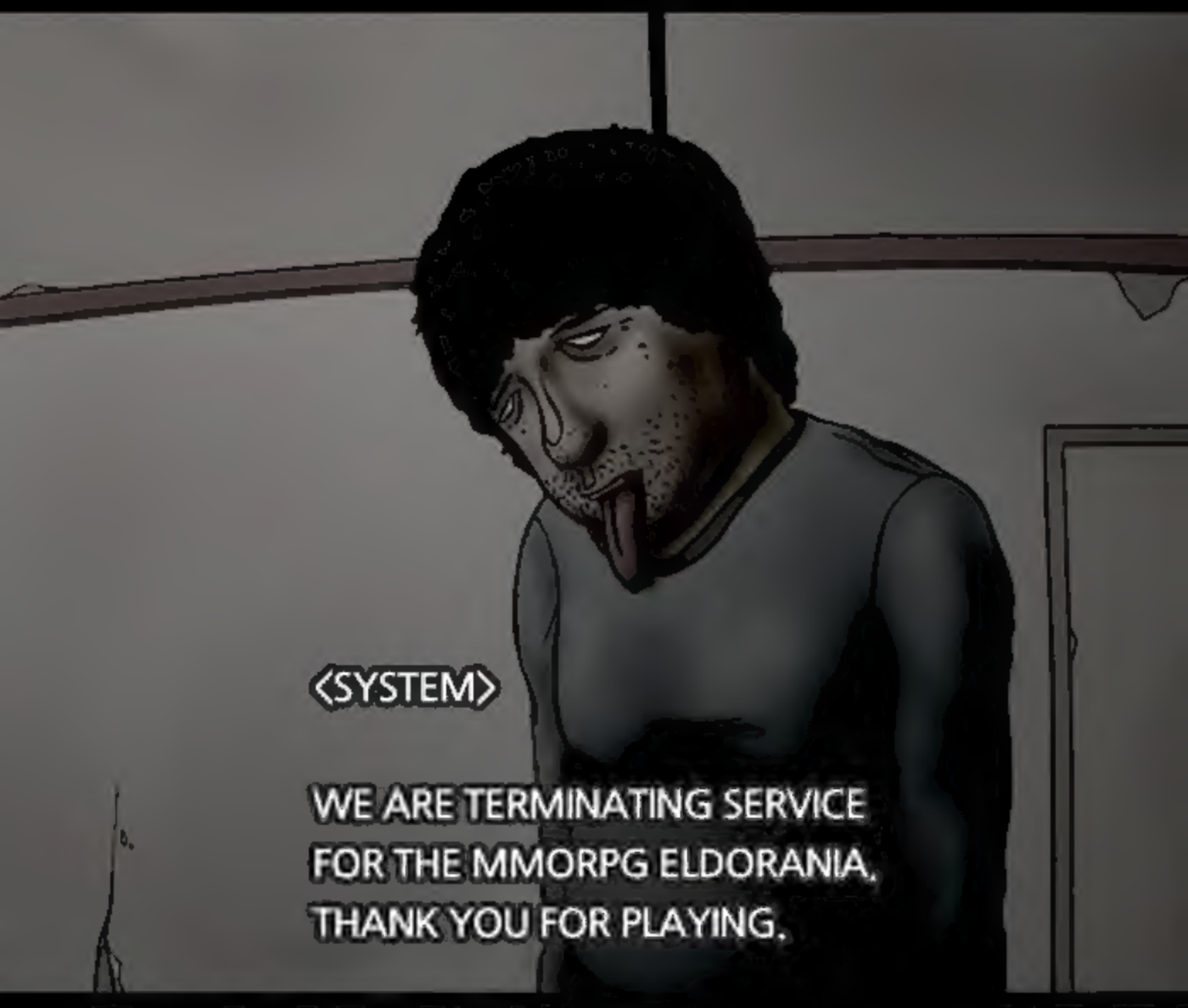


IT IS A LONELY AND TRAGIC TALE,

A KALEIDOSCOPIC VIEW

OF A SINGLE HUMAN BEING

WHO WASTED HIS ENTIRE LIFE.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